

November 15, 2006

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert  
Speaker of the House  
H-232 Capitol Building  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John A. Boehner  
House Majority Leader  
H-107 Capitol Building  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Roy Blunt  
House Majority Whip  
H-329 Cannon  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Hastert, Leader Boehner, and Representative Blunt:

The Board of the American Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Haiti (AmCham Haiti) is in support of passage this year, in the session scheduled for later this year, of the proposed legislation on the trade benefit programs for the countries of Sub-Saharan Africa, Haiti, and the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP). This legislation, H.R. 6142, was introduced by the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Congressman William Thomas, on September 21, 2006, and was initially placed on the suspension calendar in the House of Representatives for consideration on September 26.

AmCham Haiti believes this legislation has strong bi-partisan support, but consideration of this critically important measure was, unfortunately, postponed until the November session. Without passage of this legislation this year, hundreds of thousands of jobs for the most vulnerable workers in many of the world's most vulnerable economies, particularly in Haiti, could be lost.

The Board of AmCham Haiti urges you to move this legislation forward in the Congress, as business decisions are being made every day in anticipation of

whether or not this legislation will become law in 2006. We very much support H.R. 6142, and fully support the efforts being made by the Association des Industries d'Haïti (ADIH) and the Haitian Government to see it enacted this year.

We look forward to your leadership in moving this package forward as quickly as possible this year.

Sincerely,

Bernard Fils-Aimé  
President of the Board

Cc: The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, House Minority Leader  
The Honorable Steny Hoyer, House Minority Whip